

## FIX YOUR EYES!

**“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”** (Heb.12:3 NIV)

In the context of this verse, we are told of many who trusted God in their generation and walked by faith with him, doing his will. **Yet, in conclusion of these testimonies of others, the apostle tells us to “fix our eyes on Jesus.”** We have taken a look at many, but we are to steadily gaze at Christ. He is the author and finisher of our faith. The Christian life, from first to last, is living our life trusting Christ. We began with Christ and we are to finish in the same manner.

Christ had a “joy set before him.” He saw past the cross and his sufferings to the end result of his life. **He knew what the conclusion would be, the many lives that would be saved; he saw the great glory that was to come.** He told those accusing and condemning him; “you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.” (Matt.26:64) **Standing in his human weakness, forsaken by all, he spoke of the final triumph.** He now sits at the right hand of the throne of God.

We need to keep our thoughts on Christ. He has run the race ahead of us, and shown us the way. Let’s keep looking at what God has promised to those who trust and follow him. **At our lowest times, when things seem hopeless, when we seem the weakest, Christ wants us to trust his grace and faithfulness.** He will see us through to his proper end. “Those who trust in him will not be ashamed.”

Be encouraged! Keep doing what is right! Keep looking to Christ. Let us finish our Christian life with our eyes fixed on Jesus. We will win in the end.